

chemically embossing at least a portion of a first layer, and  
mechanically embossing at least a portion of a second layer, wherein the first  
layer is disposed below the second layer and a chemically embossed portion of the first  
layer has a depth greater than any embossed portion of the second layer.

*Sub F2* <sup>4</sup> 34. The method of claim ~~33~~, wherein said first layer is a foam layer and said  
second layer is a wear layer.

<sup>5</sup> 35. The method of claim ~~33~~, wherein the mechanical embossing achieves an  
emboss depth of about 1 to about 12 mils.

<sup>6</sup> 36. The method of claim ~~34~~, wherein the total embossing depth of the wear  
layer and foam layer combined is about 3 to about 8 mils.

<sup>7</sup> 37. The method of claim ~~34~~, wherein the foam layer comprises foam cells  
beneath the mechanically embossed portion of the wear layer which are not crushed or  
collapsed.

<sup>8</sup> 38. The method of claim ~~34~~, wherein at least a portion of the foam layer that  
is chemically embossed is not mechanically embossed.--

REMARKS

**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 23-26 and 33-38 are pending. Claims 9-10, 21-22, and 27-32 have been  
canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims